

HOUSE RESOLUTION 164

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A RESOLUTION to honor Taylor Long of Johnson County on being named the 2017 FFA American Star in Agribusiness.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this legislative body recognize those Tennessee students who, through their commitment to excellence and their leadership and accomplishments within their fields, have earned widespread acclaim; and

WHEREAS, Taylor Long of the Johnson County FFA Chapter is one such sterling individual who has been named the 2017 FFA American Star in Agribusiness; and

WHEREAS, each year, the FFA American Star in Agribusiness award is given to the top student with the best non-production entrepreneurial agribusiness SAE (supervised agriculture experience) and proven leadership skills; this prestigious award is the highest achievement for a person pursuing a career in agribusiness; and

WHEREAS, a native of Shady Valley, Taylor Long comes from a family with deep roots in the agricultural heritage of Johnson County; her family's involvement with agriculture throughout her childhood set her on the path to a career in agriculture; and

WHEREAS, early in her FFA experience, Ms. Long selected an SAE in fruit production and partnered with her grandmother in a jam and jelly business, Aunt Charlene's Homemade Jams and Jellies; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Long's responsibilities have included the care of the vines, trees, and plants that provide the sweet fruits to be preserved, such as pruning, pest control, and replacement of plants over time; and

WHEREAS, maintaining her family's successful efforts for future generations, the jams and jellies produced by Ms. Long and her grandmother are prepared from recipes handed down over the years through their family; and

WHEREAS, with Taylor Long's skillful marketing, design, and production, her family's delicious jams and jellies are available for purchase at area shops and farmers markets across East Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a leader among her peers, Taylor Long has been a four-year member of the Johnson County Chapter of the FFA and rendered sterling service as president and as club reporter; and

WHEREAS, as a valued member of the FFA, Taylor Long is part of an organization that strives to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Long's accomplishments have garnered the pride and respect of her school, the members of her FFA chapter, and her community, and it is wholly fitting that we recognize the outstanding accomplishments of this young Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and congratulate Taylor Long on being named the 2017 FFA American Star in Agribusiness, applaud her many accomplishments, and extend our best wishes for her continued success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.